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First session

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General debate . . . . . [3]

(A/CONF.219/IPC/2, A/CONF.219/IPC/3 and A/CONF.219/IPC/4)

General Assembly
Sixty-fifth session

There will be an informal meeting (closed) of the plenary on Friday, 14 January 2011, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4 (NLB), to hear a briefing by the Secretary-General on priorities for 2011. Member States are encouraged to attend at the ambassadorial level.

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Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development
First intersessional meeting

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . 3rd meeting . . . Conference Room 1 (NLB)

1. Continuation of discussion on green economy in the context of sustainable development and poverty eradication

2. Panel presentations on institutional framework for sustainable development, followed by interactive discussions

3–6 p.m. . . . 4th meeting . . . Conference Room 1 (NLB)

1. Continuation of discussion on institutional framework for sustainable development

2. Conclusion of the first open-ended informal intersessional meeting

[Background information and documentation, including programme of activities and schedule of side events, on the occasion of the intersessional meeting, are available at the following address: <www.uncsd2012.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=category&id=73&Itemid=124>.]

General Assembly

United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women)

Executive Board
Informal meeting

The Executive Board of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) will hold an informal pre-session meeting *today*, 11 January 2011, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 2 (NLB).

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund
Informal consultation

The Executive Board of UNDP and of UNPA will hold an informal consultation on the Global Environment Facility and the proposed amendments to the GEF instrument, *today*, 11 January 2011, from *3 to 4.30 p.m.* in Conference Room 6 (NLB). All interested delegations are invited to attend.

Other meetings

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Tuesday, 11 January 2011

International Criminal Court: Bureau of the Assembly of States Parties

8.45–9.30 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 5 (NLB)

Group of Least Developed Countries (at the expert level)

2–3 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 5 (NLB)

Other activities

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Tuesday, 11 January 2011

Panel discussion on "Haiti's children one year later: Challenges and opportunities" (sponsored by the Permanent Mission of Canada and co-organized by World Vision International, Plan International and Save the Children)

From 3 to 5 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Fabiola Stevens, Permanent Mission of Canada (e-mail fabiola.stevens@international.gc.ca; tel. 1 (212) 848-1161); or Ms. Arelys Bellorini, World Vision International (e-mail arelys_bellorini@wvi.org; tel. 1 (212) 355-0069).]

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at <www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm>.

Tuesday, 11 January 2011

Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium

12 noon . . . . . Press briefing by the Spokesperson

Forthcoming official meetings

General Assembly

Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations
Informal briefing

The Department of Peacekeeping Operations will provide an informal briefing, to members of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations, on the topics of HIV/AIDS issues in peacekeeping operations; and training materials on the prevention of sexual exploitation and abuse and HIV/AIDS, on Thursday, 13 January 2011, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 1 (NLB).

Open-ended Working Group on Ageing
Briefing

A briefing on the modalities of work of the Open-ended Working Group on Ageing, established in accordance with General Assembly resolution 65/185 of 21 December 2010, will be held on Wednesday, 19 January 2011, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 7 (NLB). All Member States and observers are invited to attend.

United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women)

Executive Board

Informal meeting

The Executive Board of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) will hold an orientation session on Thursday, 13 January 2011, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room A (NLB). The session is open to all representatives of the Executive Board members, United Nations departments, agencies, funds and programmes, and interested Member States.

First regular session

The 2011 first regular session of the Executive Board of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) will take place from Monday, 24, to Wednesday, 26 January 2011, in Conference Room 1 (NLB). Member States, as well as observers and representatives of other organizations attending the session, are requested to submit their credentials (*on official letterhead*) to the secretariat of the Executive Board (e-mail hazel.gooding@unwomen.org), *by Monday, 17 January 2011.*

Economic and Social Council

Briefing

There will be an informal briefing by the United Nations Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator, Ms. Valerie Amos, on the humanitarian situation in Haiti, on Friday, 14 January 2011, from 3 to 4 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB). All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Leslie Wade, Office of ECOSOC Support and Coordination, DESA (e-mail wade@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-4420).

Organizational session for 2011

The Economic and Social Council will hold a meeting on Tuesday, 18 January 2011, at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB), to elect the President and other members of the Bureau for 2011. The proposed basic programme of work of the Council will be issued in document E/2011/1 and the annotated provisional agenda for the organizational session will be issued in document E/2011/2.

United Nations Forum on Forests

Briefing

The secretariat of the United Nations Forum on Forests will hold a briefing on the preparations for the ninth session of the United Nations Forum on Forests on *Thursday, 13 January 2011, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 4 (NLB)*. All Member States and observers are invited to attend.

Ninth session

The United Nations Forum on Forests will hold its ninth session from Monday, 24 January, to Friday, 4 February 2011, at United Nations Headquarters. The session will open on Monday, 24 January, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 2 (NLB). The annotated provisional agenda is contained in document E/CN.18/2011/1.

The session will include a high-level ministerial segment, which will be held on Wednesday, 2, and Thursday, 3 February 2011. There will be two parallel high-level round tables (1 and 2) in the afternoon of Wednesday, 2 February, and two parallel high-level round tables (3 and 4) in the morning of Thursday, 3 February 2011, each discussing a specific topic, as follows:

Round table 1: Forests for people;

Round table 2: Finance for forest-dependent communities;

Round table 3: Forests-plus: A cross-sectoral and cross-institutional approach; and

Round table 4: Forests and Rio+20.

The round tables are open to the participation of all Member States and observers. Delegations are kindly requested to indicate, *as soon as possible*, their preference for the participation of their head of delegation in *one* of the above-mentioned round tables by e-mail or fax to the secretariat of the United Nations Forum on Forests (e-mail niamke@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-4244; fax 1 (917) 367-3186). Priority for making statements will be given to the heads of delegation in the order of inscription. Each round table accommodates forty statements. The time-limit for each statement is *three minutes* for individual Member States and *five minutes* for delegations speaking on behalf of a group of States. For further detailed information on the forthcoming session, please visit the following Web site: <www.un.org/esa/forests/>.

Registration for Member States and observers to obtain photo identification badges will be open at the United Nations Pass Office (room U-100, 801 United Nations Plaza (corner of First Avenue and 46th Street)), as follows:

Sunday, 23 January: from 12 noon to 6 p.m.; and

Monday, 24 January, and weekdays thereafter: from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Registration for non-governmental organizations, international and regional entities without observer status, and major groups accredited to the Economic and Social Council will be open at the United Nations Forum on Forests registration desk in the United Nations Visitors' Lobby, as follows:

Monday, 24 January: from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2.30 to 5 p.m.;

Tuesday, 25 January, to Tuesday, 1 February (excluding the weekend): from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.;

Wednesday, 2 February, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2.30 to 5 p.m.; and

Thursday, 3, and Friday, 4 February, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Delegations wishing to attend the session and be included in the list of participants are requested to communicate, *as soon as possible*, the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the Forum, Ms. Vivian Pliner (e-mail pliner@un.org; room S-2950E), with copy to Ms. Barbara Tavora-Jainchill (e-mail tavora-jainchill@un.org; room DC1-1258).

Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations

Informal consultations

The Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations will hold informal consultations on Thursday, 13, and Friday, 14 January 2011, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 7 (NLB). The secretariat will provide laptops, in the conference room, for accredited delegations, to facilitate access to the work programme of the Committee through its paperless committee system. Background information on the Committee, its procedures, forms and documentation is available on the Web site of the NGO Branch, Department of Economic and Social Affairs <www.un.org/esa/coordination/ngo>. The informal consultations are open to members of the Committee only.

2011 regular session

The 2011 regular session of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations will be held from Monday, 31 January, to Wednesday, 9 February 2011, in Conference Room 1 (NLB). The annotated provisional agenda is contained in document E/C.2/2011/1.

Members of the Committee, as well as observers, who wish to attend the session are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations in a note-verbale to the Secretary of the Committee, Mr. Sergei Cherniavsky (e-mail del-vasto@un.org; room IN-629C). Please note that only scanned copies of note verbales will be accepted by e-mail. Background information on the Committee, its procedures, forms and documentation, are available on the Web site of the NGO Branch, Department of Economic and Social Affairs <www.un.org/ecosoc/ngo>. Members of the Committee are strongly encouraged to use the online paperless committee system, where detailed information about upcoming applications can be found, as well as applications from previous sessions.

Commission for Social Development

Informal briefing

The Chair of the forty-ninth session of the Commission for Social Development, H.E. Mr. Jorge Valero (Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela), will hold an informal briefing, for all interested delegations, on the programme of work of the forty-ninth session of the Commission, on Wednesday, 19 January 2011, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 2 (NLB).

Forty-ninth session

The forty-ninth session of the Commission for Social Development will be held from Wednesday, 9, to Friday, 18 February 2011. The opening meeting will take place on Wednesday, 9 February, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4 (NLB). The provisional annotated agenda and the proposed organization of work are contained in document E/CN.5/2011/1. Further information on the forty-ninth and previous sessions of the Commission is available at <www.un.org/esa/socdev/csocd/2011.html>.

Participation and seating arrangements

Members of the Commission, as well as observers, who wish to participate are requested to inform the Secretary of the Commission, Ms. Radhika Padayachi, of the composition of their delegations (e-mail padayachi39@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

Due to the limited number of seats available for observers (including Member States that are not members of the Commission) in Conference Room 4 (NLB), only observers who will communicate the composition of their delegations to the secretariat, *by Wednesday, 2 February 2011*, will be provided a nameplate on the floor of Conference Room 4 (NLB). All others will be seated on a first-come, first-served basis.

General discussion and list of speakers

General discussion under agenda item 3 (a) (Priority theme: poverty eradication) will begin on Wednesday, 9 February 2011, following the opening of the session. For further details please consult the programme of work in annex I to document E/CN.5/2011/1.

The list of speakers will be opened on Monday, 24 January 2011. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list should inform Ms. Celia Syyap accordingly (e-mail syyap@un.org).

Delegations are reminded that according to past practice, statements made by individual Member States should not exceed *seven minutes*, statements made on behalf of a group of States should not exceed *ten minutes*, and statements made by observers should not exceed *five minutes*. Delegates are requested to bring 250 copies of statements for general distribution or at least 30 copies for distribution to conference services.

Participation of non-governmental organizations

Comprehensive information on the participation of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council in the work of the Commission can be found at <www.un.org/esa/socdev/ngo/csocdinfonote2011.html>.

List of side events

A list of side events on the occasion of the forty-ninth session of the Commission can be consulted at <www.un.org/esa/socdev/csocd/2011/side-events.pdf>.

Statistical Commission
Forty-second session

The forty-second session of the Statistical Commission will be held from Tuesday, 22, to Friday, 25 February 2011. The opening meeting will take place on Tuesday, 22 February, at 10.30 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB). The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work of the session are contained in documents E/CN.3/2011/1 and E/CN.3/2011/L.1, respectively.

Delegations wishing to attend the session and be included in the list of participants are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the Commission, Ms. Christa Giles (e-mail cianciulli@un.org; room IN-615A; fax 1 (212) 963-5305). Further information on the session can be obtained at the following address: <http://unstats.un.org/unsd/statcom/commission.htm>; or contact Ms. Sabine Warschburger, Statistics Division (e-mail warschburger@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-4297).

United Nations Children's Fund

Executive Board
First regular session

The 2011 first regular session of the UNICEF Executive Board will take place from Tuesday, 8, to Friday, 11 February 2011, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB). The provisional annotated agenda, timetable and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2011/1. The joint meeting of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA, UNICEF and WFP will take place on Friday, 4, and Monday, 7 February 2011 in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB).

The first regular session will be preceded by an informal pre-session information briefing on major issues before the UNICEF Executive Board on Friday, 21 January 2011, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB).

Advance copies of all documentation for the session are available at the following site: <www.unicef.org/about/execboard/index_56116.html>. Member States, as well as observers and representatives of other organizations attending the session, are requested to submit their credentials to the Office of the Secretary of the Executive Board of UNICEF (e-mail jpiccolominigeary@unicef.org; fax 1 (212) 326-7096), as early as possible, *but no later than Friday, 31 January 2011*.

In accordance with rule 50 (2) of the rules of procedures and its annex, observer delegations are also requested to communicate, with their credentials, their special interest in the items of the provisional agenda on which they intend to intervene.

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund

Informal consultations

The Executive Board of UNDP and of UNPA will hold informal consultations as indicated below. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

Friday, 14 January 2011, from 10.30 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 6 (NLB): on the report on the implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors, 2008-2009 (DP/2011/14);

Thursday, 20 January 2011, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 7 (NLB): on capacity development (joint informal consultation); and

Friday, 28 January 2011, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7 (NLB): on the UNDP contribution at the regional level to development and corporate results.

First regular session 2011

The first regular session 2011 of the Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA will be held from Monday, 31 January, to Thursday, 3 February 2011, in Conference Room 3 (NLB). The provisional agenda, list of documents and work plan for the session are contained in document DP/2011/L.1. Member States, as well as observers and other organizations attending the session, are requested to submit their credentials to the secretariat of the Executive Board (e-mail marcela.romero@undp.org; fax 1 (212) 906-5634), as early as possible, *but no later than Monday, 24 January 2011*.

The session will be preceded by an informal consultation on matters to be taken up at the first regular session of the Board, on Tuesday, 18 January 2011, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 7 (NLB).

The joint meeting of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA, UNICEF and WFP will take place on Friday, 4, and on Monday, 7 February 2011, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB).

According to decision 2006/14, the Board decided that prior to the convening of the joint meeting, the new Bureau should be selected, and therefore there will be a formal meeting of the Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA, on Wednesday, 12 January 2011, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 6 (NLB).

Interested delegations are invited to attend.

Other forthcoming meetings

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Non-Aligned Movement: Working Group on Peacekeeping Operations

Wednesday, 12 January 2011, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room D (NLB).

Group of 77 (ceremonial meeting to mark the formal handover of the chairmanship of the Group of 77 from the Republic of Yemen to the Republic of Argentina) (at the ambassadorial level)

Wednesday, 12 January 2011, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB).

United Nations Development Programme (first meeting in the process of consultation with Member States on the *Human Development Report 2011*)

Tuesday, 18 January 2011, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7 (NLB).

Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS) (plenary meeting)

Friday, 21 January 2011, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 7 (NLB).

Western European and Other States Group (monthly meeting)

Friday, 28 January 2011, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB).

Forthcoming other activities

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International Expert Group Meeting on Indigenous Peoples and Forests (organized by the Secretariat of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, Division of Social Policy and Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs)

Wednesday, 12, to Friday, 14 January 2011, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 5 (NLB).

[The meeting is closed. Member States wishing to attend this meeting should contact Ms. Sonia Smallacombe, Secretariat of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (e-mail smallacombe@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-5066; fax 1 (917) 367-5102).]

Briefing on the Financial Tracking Service (FTS) (organized by the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA))

Wednesday, 12 January 2011, at 2 p.m. in the conference room of the Office of the Under-Secretary-General, Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (380 Madison Avenue (between 46th and 47th Streets)).

[The briefing is open to members of permanent missions and observers missions. For further information, please contact Ms. Mervat Shelbaya, OCHA (e-mail shelbaya@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-4533).]

DPI/NGO briefing on "Disaster relief and preparedness: Haiti, a year later"

Thursday, 13 January 2011, from 10.15 a.m. to 12.15 p.m. in Conference Room 2 (NLB).

[For further information, please contact Ms. Garine Palandjian, Department of Information (e-mail section1d@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-7709); or Ms. Mona Gillet (e-mail gillet@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-2737).]

Briefing for permanent representatives or their designees, on recent developments concerning diplomatic mission bank accounts (organized by the United States Mission)

Thursday, 13 January 2011, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB).

[The meeting is open to Member States and observer missions. For further information, please contact Ms. Lisa Bowen, United States Mission (e-mail bowenlx@state.gov; tel. 1 (212) 415-4144).]

Women's International Forum: Meeting on "Ending mass atrocities: Is the responsibility to protect the answer?" (sponsored by the Executive Office of the Secretary-General)

Tuesday, 18 January 2011, from 1.30 to 2.30 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB).

[Delegates and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.]

Announcements

United Nations International Law Fellowship Programme, 2011

Applications for the 2011 United Nations International Law Fellowship Programme, scheduled to be held at the Peace Palace in The Hague, Netherlands, from Monday, 4 July, to Friday, 12 August 2011, are now being accepted. The deadline for applications is *Tuesday, 1 February 2011.*

The Fellowship Programme will be conducted in English this year. For further information, including application forms, please consult the International Law Fellowship Programme Web site at <www.un.org/law/ilfp>, or contact the Codification Division (e-mail ilfp@un.org).

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Security Council

Communications to the President of the Security Council

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Web site of the presidency

The Web site of the presidency of the Security Council can be visited at <www.un.org/sc/presidency.asp>.

Recorded information

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Prepared statements

Speakers in the Security Council are advised that providing in advance copies of prepared statements which they intend to read out in the Council greatly facilitates the work of the Secretariat by permitting a sufficient number of copies to be distributed to all meeting participants and by assisting interpreters, verbatim reporters and press officers in maintaining the quality of the product delivered. Both interpretations and verbatim records rely upon the statement actually delivered, but copies of texts help interpreters to correctly render details and nuances and help verbatim reporters to produce the written record more quickly. Speakers are therefore encouraged, whenever possible, to provide copies of their statements, as early as possible in advance of delivery, to the Conference Officer in the Chamber.

Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

Delegations wishing to make statements available for the media are kindly requested to deliver 50 copies to the Media Documents Centre (e-mail mdc@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-7166; room SA-1B12).

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All comments and suggestions about the *Journal* are welcomed. Kindly contact the office of the *Journal* at journal@un.org.

Summary of official meetings

Monday, 10 January 2011

General Assembly

Intergovernmental Preparatory Committee for the Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries
First session

1st meeting

Opening of the first session . . . . . [1]

H.E. Mr. Jarmo Viinanen (Finland), Chair of the Preparatory Committee, made a statement.

The Secretary-General of the Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, Mr. Cheick Sidi Diarra, made a statement.

H.E. Mr. Ertuğrul Apakan (Turkey) made a statement, in his capacity as representative of the host country of the Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries.

Preparations for the Conference: briefings and presentations . . . . . [2]

Presentations were made by H.E. Mrs. Anda Filip, Permanent Observer of the Inter-Parliamentary Union to the United Nations; Mr. Arjun Karki, International Coordinator of the LDC Watch, in his capacity as Chair of the Civil Society Organizations' Steering Committee; and Mr. Gavin Power, Deputy Director of the United Nations Global Compact Office.

General debate . . . . . [3]

Statements were made by the representatives of Yemen (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Nepal (on behalf of the Group of Least Developed Countries), Hungary (on behalf of European Union), Australia (on behalf of the CANZ group), Bangladesh, Brazil, the Sudan and Lesotho.

2nd meeting

General debate . . . . . [3]

Statements were made by the representatives of the Republic of Korea, India, Ethiopia, Egypt, Slovenia, Japan, Belgium, the United States, Zambia, France, China, Indonesia, Norway, Cuba, Eritrea, Afghanistan, the Dominican Republic, Finland and South Africa.

Statements were made by the representatives of United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), the International Organization for Migration (IOM), the Common Fund for Commodities, the International Labour Organization (ILO), the Enhanced Integrated Framework (EIF), the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO).

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and their Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization to the Convention on Biological Diversity (Nagoya, 29 October 2010)

Opening for signature

In accordance with its article 32, the above Protocol will be opened for signature by Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity at United Nations Headquarters in New York, from 2 February 2011 until 1 February 2012. The representatives of States wishing to sign the aforementioned Protocol will be able to do so on Wednesday, 2 February, from 9 a.m. to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room E (NLB).

Certified true copies of the Protocol, of which the Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish texts are equally authentic, will be prepared and will be transmitted to all States as soon as possible.

The Secretary-General takes this opportunity to recall that, under established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered by virtue of their functions, to sign a treaty on behalf of a State without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign a treaty must be in possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of a specific treaty by a named representative issued and signed by one of these authorities. Full powers are distinct from credentials. Credentials alone are not adequate for the purpose of signing a treaty.

The Secretary-General would be obliged if States wishing to sign the Protocol could notify, and provide copies of the required full powers in advance to the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs, 380 Madison Avenue, New York (e-mail depositarytreaty@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5047; fax 1 (212) 963-3693).

For more information on full powers and a model instrument of full powers, please refer to the *Treaty Handbook* on the Web site of the United Nations Treaty Collection <http://treaties.un.org>.

General information

Chairs of the regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *January 2011* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Morocco
H.E. Mr. Mohammed Loulichki

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Pakistan
H.E. Mr. Abdullah Hussain Haroon

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Georgia
H.E. Mr. Alexander Lomaia

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